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1. General CHUANG T'ien (莊 田)\*, who succeeded LIANG Kuang (梁 廣) as commander of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Border Column, is leading a Chinese military mission in Indochina. His mission is said to be for one of two purposes: to find out how well the Viet Minh Army troops are fighting,\*\* or to direct Viet Minh operations. 25X1

2. CHUANG is about 44 years old and is a native of Lingshui (109-56, 18-35), Hainan. From 1924 to 1926 he was in Canton as an understudy of HO Chi Minh, who was at that time working under Soviet adviser Mikhail Borodin. In 1935 CHUANG went to Yenan. In 1938 he went to Moscow, where he stayed until 1945. For 8 months in 1947 CHUANG helped in training Viet Minh Army troops in Indochina; he specialized in organization and guerrilla warfare. CHUANG was given special training in Moscow for service in Indochina in accordance with long-range Soviet plans to communize Southeast Asia. 25X1

Comment. CHUANG returned to Indochina in October 1950 with a group of Chinese Communist troops. 25X1

Comment. CHUANG T'ien was commander of the Kwangsi-Yunnan-Kweichow Border Area Column as of early January 1951, and troops of this Column were in the Dong Dang and Langson area in mid-January. 25X1

Comment. The Chinese Communist Government sent a similar mission to Korea to check on KIM Il-sung before committing itself. 25X1

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